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Dear Professor Florkin:

Thank you for your letter of July 11.

I note that you are scheduling the informal conference for August 9. Unfortunately, it will be quite impossible for me to attend at that time. In previous correspondence, I had mentioned the possibility of meeting at the end of the IUB Congress. If events had permitted a concrete verification of that time I should have made a strenuous effort to attend, but unfortunately this is not now possible. I hope you will have a successful meeting in any case and that, perhaps, it will be succeeded by further discussions along similar lines.

Speaking for the National Academy of Sciences, I am sure that the Space Science Board would be happy to support similar discussions either in the United States or in Europe as the programs for planetary explorations develop. Particularly from the standpoint of assuring the attendance of participants from the U.S. and U.S.S.R., and from other countries, it is important that firm plans be made in ample time before the actual meeting. Perhaps the International Congress of Microbiology to be held in Montreal, August 1962, would be a useful occasion. If you could verify the interest in convening such a session, I would be happy to undertake the necessary arrangements here.

I regret then not to be able to join you in Moscow, but extend my best wishes to you and to our colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

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